

# Tia



**What am I?**

Chilean Rose Tarantula

**Where do I live in the wild?**

In the desert in South America.

**How am I looked after as a pet?**

I live in a tank in a warm room with special soil that is kept dry. I like to have somewhere to hide. I need feeding once or twice a week.

**What do I eat?**

Crickets—in the wild I will eat any insects that get stuck in my web.

**What do I look like?**

I have 8 legs and 8 eyes. I have hair all over my body, even on the bottom of my feet. This helps me to feel for bugs moving on the ground.

**Why do we love Tia ?**

Tia is a very calm spider who will sit completely still on your hand or knee. She is very easy to handle.

## **My story:**

I came to Lion Learners East Midlands from a real spider enthusiast two and a half years ago. I was chosen from a group of Chilean Rose Tarantulas because I am super calm, friendly and happy to be handled.

I came to the East Midlands to work alongside my lazy neighbour Tilly so that she doesn't have to work too hard!! You won't ever see us together as we go out on alternate days. We look pretty similar, so you might not be able to guess which of us you are meeting, but I am bigger and in my opinion more beautiful!

At home I am bit more active than Tilly, and I move from one resting place to another a few times a day. I love to eat crickets but I don't hunt for them. I simply wait for them to come close enough for me to grab!

